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Re: Application of: Ronald B. MILLER, et al.

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2003 for three (3) months from April 14, 2003 to July 14, 2003.

A check for \$1250.00 is enclosed, \$930.00 of which is for the fee for a three (3) months extension of time. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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